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1981

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Association (MANA),
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Lanham, MD

* MD TAMS MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1981
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
A Program Will Be Presented

1982

Feb. Suburban Washington
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Carrollton, MD

April Maryland State
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MD. This will be our
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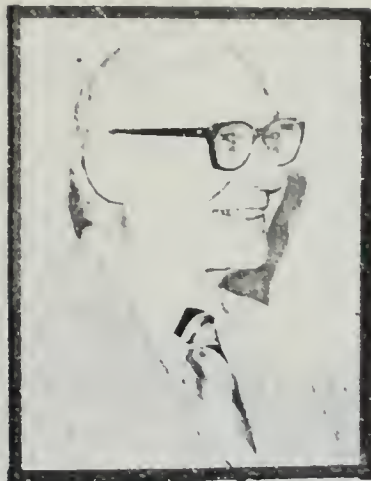
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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Have you noticed the booming popularity in exnumia lately? It seems that every periodical I pick up has more and more articles relating to tokens and medals. I also find that local clubs and shows are featuring more exnumia. One of these clubs that I attend regularly consistently had about fifty percent of its lots in exnumia items over the last few meetings. That's quite a relief from the constant diet of U. S. and foreign coins that I've been accustomed to. Exnumia exhibits at both the MSNA and MWNA were in great display. Three of the four awards presented at MWNA were for token and medal exhibits. MD TAMS members were well represented with our editor, Vernon Taylor, picking up the third place award for his exhibit of "Baltimore German Societies' Tokens" and yours truly nabbing the second place spot for my "So-Called Dollars of Maryland" exhibit. And best of all, there was ample Maryland exnumia available from the dealers at both of the shows.

We had another super MD TAMS meeting in conjunction with the MWNA show. The meeting room was literally bulging with 24 people including 18 members and 6 guests in attendance. Two of our guests had such a good time that they joined up. So, welcome new members Bill Ayres and Karl Gabsch, Jr., to MD TAMS.

Our Program Chairman, Will Mumford, arranged for another excellent program. Fellow member, Karl Gabsch, Sr., enlightened us with his experiences as a Capitol Transit bus driver and displayed his personal collection of Maryland transportation tokens. Karl also had some badges, coin dispensers, bus tickets and transfers to compliment his collection. Russ Sears appropriately had an early fare counter device used by streetcar conductors in the thirties for a Show and Tell item. Show and Tell is a great way to show other members something you have in your collection, so, bring it to the meeting and share your item with us.

As a result of our efforts as one of the host clubs for the MSNA show, MD TAMS was presented a check for \$400.00 by Will Mumford, the newly elected President of MSNA. Since this was such a profitable venture for MD TAMS, the membership voted to request that they be considered again as a host club for the MSNA show in 1982. So, that means we need a couple new volunteers to chair some committees if we are accepted. Any volunteers?

The most exciting news announced at the meeting was about the current progress being made by Dave Schenkman on our pet project for a Maryland token catalog. Dave has just about completed cataloging two major collections, so, he'll be calling on you soon for your contributions to the listing of tokens in your collection.

I missed seeing some of you regulars who normally attend our meetings at the last gathering. So, you all make plans now to attend our next meeting at the MANA Convention and Show on Sunday, October, 18th, 1981.

Will

THE U. B. V. TOKEN
A DUFFIELD-MILLER VIGNETTE
BY A. VERNON TAYLOR
MD TAMS LM2

THE "UBV" TOKEN ---- Miller # 177, Duffield # 150



Nickel
Variety



Brass
Variety

Obv. "UBV" (in monogram)(incused)
Rev. Blank
21mm, Brass

An Unlisted Variety Exists--Same as
Above Except in Nickel.

This is the card of the Unkel Braesig Verein, a German singing society of Baltimore, MD, which was organized in 1875.

Did you ever take a close look at the UBV monogram on this token? Did you notice anything unusual about this monogram? Let me tell you a little story about that monogram.

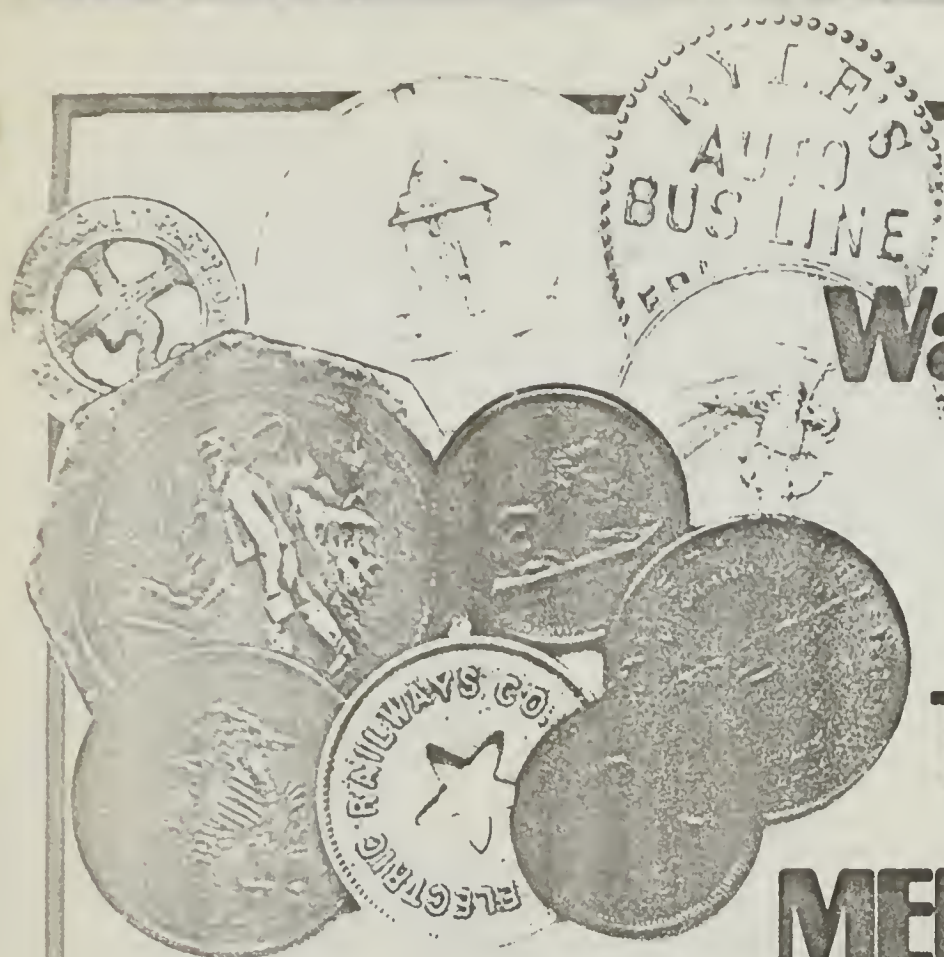
We have a young German engineering student working at the company where I am employed. He is here on some sort of one year work program. I decided to tell him about the various German organizations that were popular in Baltimore during the 19th century and early 20th century: Concordia, Schutzen, etc.

So, one day I took some of the tokens to work and showed them to him. When he looked at the UBV (Unkel Braesig Verein)(Uncle Braesig Society), he said: "Of course you know what this monogram represents, don't you?". I asked what he meant. He proceeded to tell me that hunting clubs were popular in Germany during the 19th century. The symbol for these hunting clubs was the stag. From this beginning, shooting clubs were developed and eventually other types of clubs spun off. However, they usually kept the stag as part of there symbols, as a reminder of their roots. He told me that if I looked closely at the UBV monogram, I would notice that it was drawn to represent a stag's head. The top of the "U" was designed to represent antlers and the bottom of the "V" was designed to represent the nose and nostrils of the stag. After I looked at the monogram again, I agreed with him. Isn't that a clever design?. Do you think that was really the intent? Did any of you ever notice this before or read anything about this before?

I think this is an interesting observation. I am sold 100% that the monogram was designed to show this symbol of the deer head, and I thank Ruprecht Von Buttlar for pointing this out to me.

Later, I told this story to my friend Frederick Wehrenberg, current president of the German Society of Maryland. He told me that he has a cane that belonged to his uncle who was a member of the UBV. This "UBV" cane has a stag's head on it, thus tying the stag to the UBV.

Thus, perhaps, another exnumia mystry has been cleared up a little bit, and every bit counts.



Washington D.C. TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW

Sept. 26, 27, '81 - Silver Spring Armory

Dealers will be BUYING & SELLING tokens, political items and other collectibles...

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THE TOKENS OF CHARLES H. BOWERS

By Greg D. Ruby MD TAMS JC-34

In January, 1981, I was attending one of the Baltimore Coin Club meetings, as usual, and there were a few tokens on the auction table, but, one lot caught my eye, Lot 78. It contained three tokens, and on each of the 2x2's was written: "Bowers, Westminster". After some spirited bidding, later on in the night, I added three tokens to my collection.

The descriptions of the tokens are as follows:
(Note: Until our Maryland Catalog comes out, I will use the following temporary catalog numbering system for reference purposes: MD CC = Maryland - Carroll County.)

MD-CC-1a:

Obv: (Star) BOWER (Star) / SODA /
(Oran) / WESTMINISTER, MD.

Rev: (Oran) / 5 / (Oran)

24mm, Aluminum, Round



MD-CC-1b:

Obv: GOOD FOR 10 / B / TRADE

Rev: GOOD FOR 10 / B / TRADE

19mm, Nickel, Round

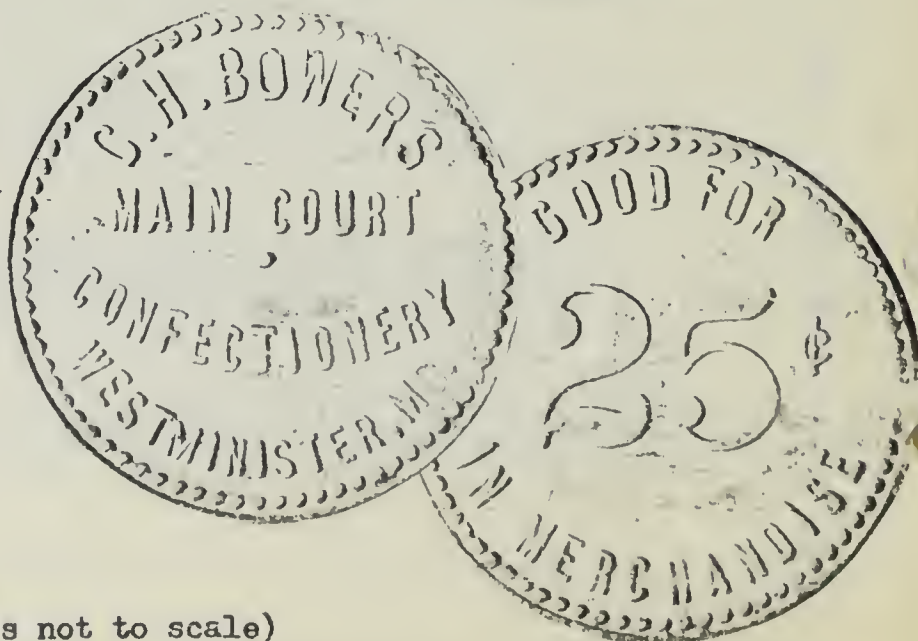


MD-CC-1c:

Obv: C. H. BOWERS / MAIN COURT / . /
CONFECTIONERY / WESTMINISTER, MD.

Rev: GOOD FOR / 25¢ / IN MERCHANDISE

26mm, Aluminum, Round



(Photos not to scale)

When you look at these tokens, you will notice that the name of the town is spelled incorrectly on MD-CC-1a and 1c. The correct spelling is "Westminster". On MD-CC-1b, the "D" and "E" in the word "TRADE" seem to have been repunched. (Note double die in photo). It is my belief that these tokens were made by J. F. W. Dorman.

Not much is known about Bowers, except that in 1916, as a Private in Company H, First Infantry of the Maryland National Guard, he was on Mexican border duty.

Bowers' confectionery store was located in Main Court (also known as Old City Hotel) on the corner of Main and Court Streets. This building has a very interesting history to tell. It was built in 1746. In June, 1781 it was occupied by British troops while Washington was in Taneytown, Maryland. Then, in 1862, the hotel was occupied by Confederate troops for a short time. Many dances were held here, beginning in the 1870's. Unfortunately, the Main Court was razed in the 1940's. Today, at that site, is a gas station.



MAIN COURT INN, WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND, AS VIEWED
FROM COURT STREET.

(Photo courtesy of the Historical Society of Carroll County)

(Token photos by Ed)



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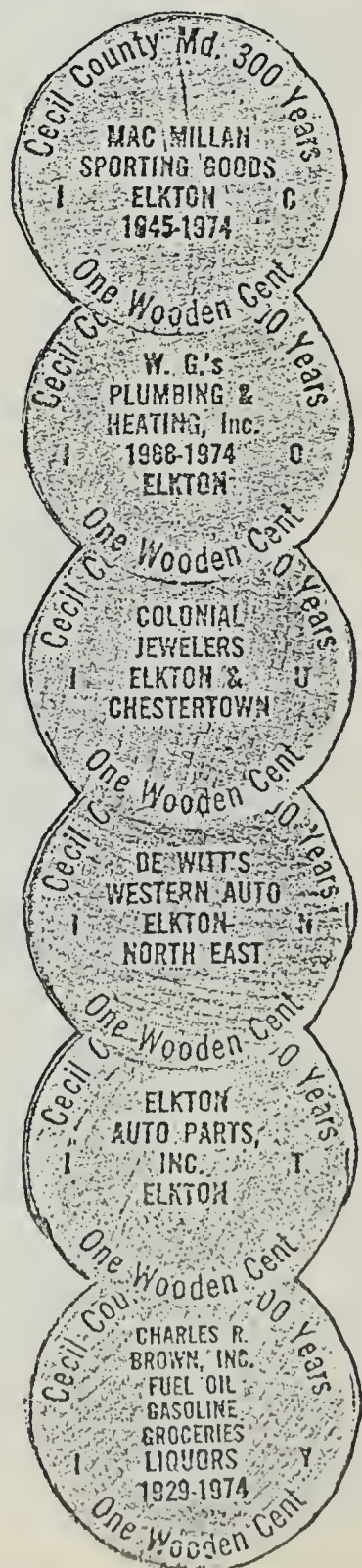
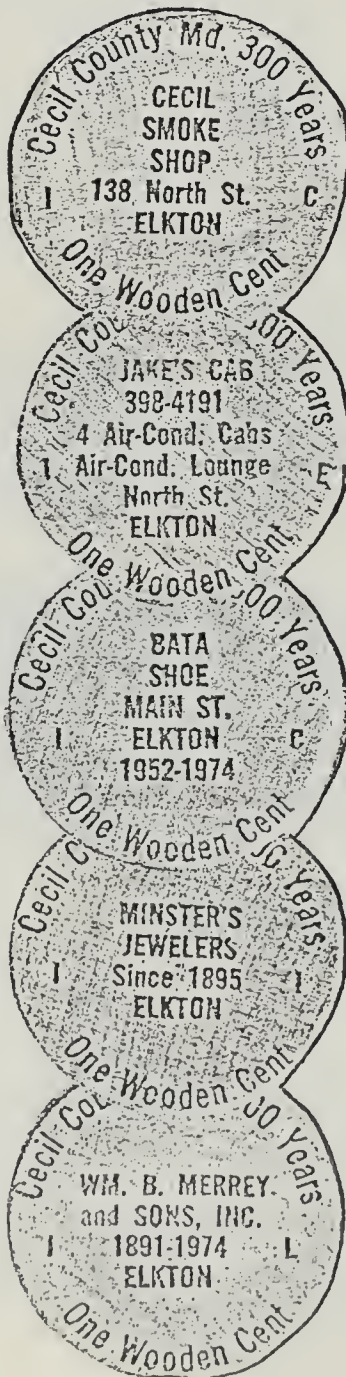
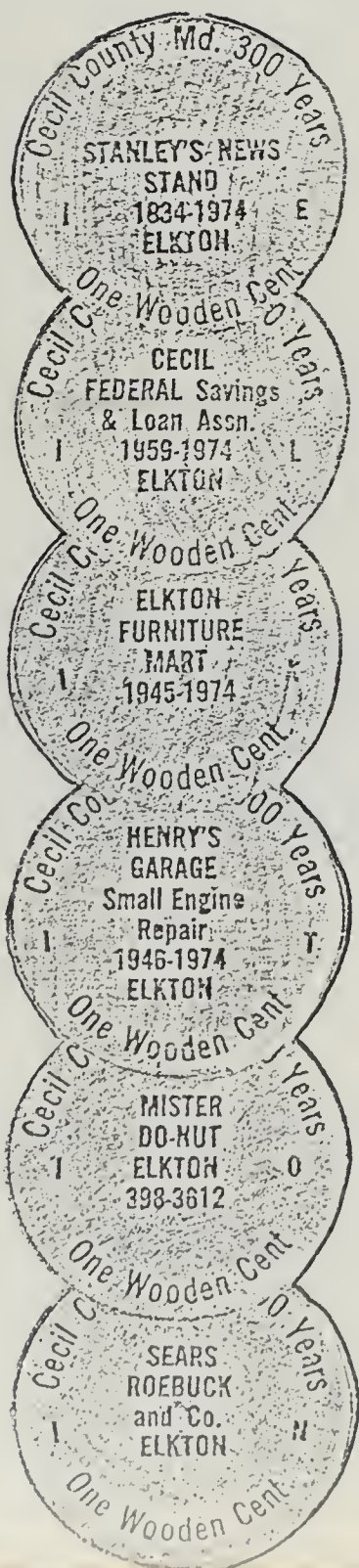
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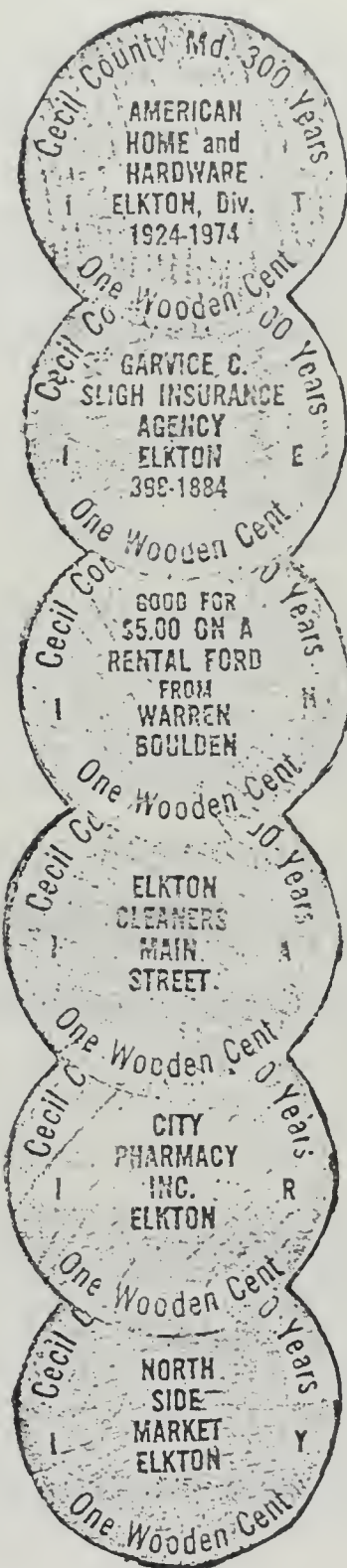
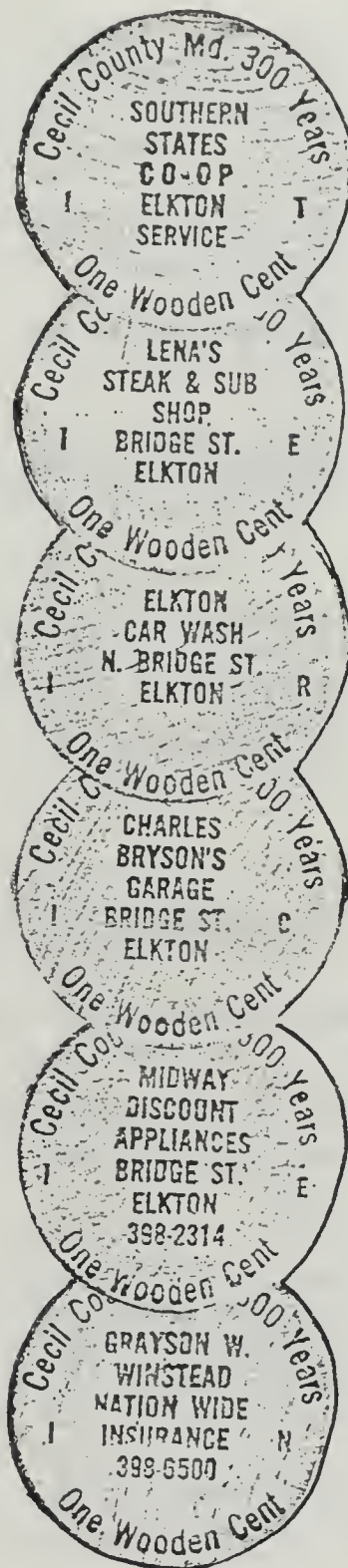
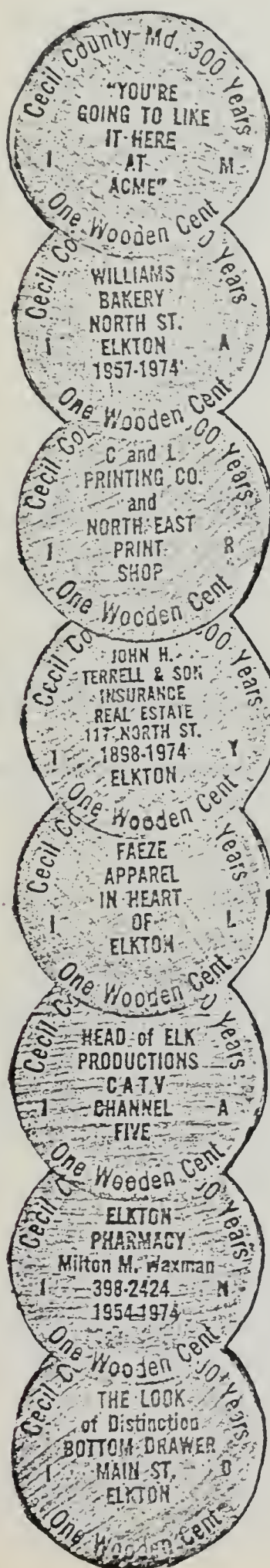
WOODS



In this issue is another one of the 11 series of Wooden Cents issued by the Cecil County Tricentennial Committee. This series spells "ELKTON CECIL COUNTY MARYLAND TERCENTENARY". It is series I.

Stan Brown





Reverse
(All same)

1981 LITERARY AWARDS

Completion of Volume II of the MD TAMS JOURNAL signals the time for presentation of our Annual Literary Award. This honor is bestowed upon the MD TAMS member whose literary efforts appeared in the journal and was deemed to be the best article in the opinion of a panel of three judges.

Volunteering again to do this difficult task were Messrs. Kuethe, Schenkman and Tayman. The judges were requested to select three articles in order of their preference with points awarded accordingly. The number of articles selected and the respective point spread is evidence of the challenge put to the judges by these quality articles.

Five different articles were chosen by the judges. To show how close the competition was, two articles ended tied for first place with a total of 6 points each. Therefore, based on the rules in effect for the Volume II, co-winners are being named.

Co-winners of the MD TAMS 1981 Literary Award are "Checken For Pickers" by Will Mumford, which featured Anne Arundel County Pickers Checks, and "Maryland Badges, Buttons and Ribbons" by Mill Hajek, which featured GAR exonomia. Receiving Honorable Mention were "The Thomas J. Myer Token" by Jane and Russ Sears, "Maryland Numismatics" by Ben Egerton and "Maryland Encased Coins" by Joan Taylor, one of our junior members.

Congratulations to all the authors and thanks to all members who took the time to write articles for the journal. Let's make the judges job even more difficult next year and keep our editor Vern Taylor happy by submitting an article on your favorite token or medal.

Mill

FROM THE EDITOR

Membership Report----

It was also my initial plan to run a complete listing of the membership in each Fall issue of the journal. Since membership has been quite stable and new memberships only slight, I have decided to drop this item as an annual event in favor of using the space for other items. A plan is under investigation to present a list of members to new members as they join. Those who joined during our first two years need only to refer to the back issues of their journals for membership listings. Lets try this for a while. If it does not turn out to be satisfactory, I will reinstate the annual list.

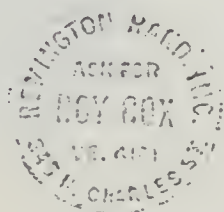
Classified Ads----

You may recall, when I started as editor and established the rules for the classified ads, I stated that the ad would run for one issue and would need to be renewed in order to reappear in the next issue. As you no doubt have noticed, that rule was immediately stretched by me and I continued the ads until changed. I did this because it appeared from the start that about 80% of the ads were of a permanent nature, such as want lists, etc., and the rest involved sales, etc., which could be "sold out".

From my conversations with some of you, it appears that this continuation has been satisfactory. But, now that a few years have passed I should like to ask the question: do you want to change your ad? If so, let me know. If not, and I do not hear from you, I will assume that continuing your present ad is OK.

The Roy Cox Token

By Russ Sears R-54 & Jane Sears R-80



Obv: REMINGTON RAND, INC. / ASK FOR / ROY COX /
VE. 4161 / 345 N. CHARLES ST.

Rev: BUY A REMINGTON PORTABLE TYPEWRITER /
10 ¢ / A DAY

26mm, Aluminum, Round



After graduation from City College in 1936 and Strayer Business College in 1938, Roy Cox was ready to enter the business world. He compared the job of typist at \$ 13.00 per week to the job of typewriter salesman at \$12.00 per sale and felt that there was more money to be made in sales.

In 1938, he joined Remington Rand, Inc. located at 345 N. Charles Street and began selling portable typewriters priced from \$ 29.95 to \$ 69.95. At that time, Remington Rand had sales promotions and advertising in comic books, newspapers, and other publications featuring a new typewriter for only 10 ¢ per day. Leads were turned over to the salesmen. The offer was actually \$ 3.00 down and \$ 3.00 per month. To compliment the company's advertising, Cox had tokens struck in 1938 offering portable typewriters for only 10 ¢ per day, and passed out the tokens as a business card.

When new typewriter sales were frozen in 1943 due to the war, Roy Cox left Remington Rand and started his own business of repairing, reconditioning, and selling used typewriters. He later went into the jewelry business and is presently one of the country's leading dealers in collector's postcards and supplies, working from his Gardenville (Baltimore) home.

None of his sales between 1938 and 1943 could be directly attributed to his token.

MARYLAND

encased coins

by
Joan Taylor
MD TAMS JC-27



When I had Mr. Russ Sears' two Felser encased (MD EC 5 & 6) in my last article, I got a response from Mr. James Shipley. He sent my father xerox copies of some of his encased and noted that he had a Felser piece indicating 3 stores with a 1929 D penny. This, added to Mr. Sears' two pieces, traced the history of Felser a little more. Then, my father found another Felser piece at the MWNA show for me. This was a Felser & Sons encased with a 1918 penny. The penny was obviously circulated before being encased because it was worn and the holder showed no sign of wear, so I couldn't say when it was made. Mr. Schenkman verified it is the original penny in the holder because the bottom of the "&" is stamped on the penny.

Shown below are Mr. Shipley's and my Felser pieces and some of the pieces from Mr. Millard Hajek's and Mr. Shipley's collections.

MD-EC-12

Obv:

FELSER BROTHERS / RELIABLE FOOTWEAR /
(1¢ 1929D) / (star) 3 STORES (star) /
BALTIMORE / (2 stars)

Rev:

KEEP ME AND NEVER GO BROKE / (1¢ 1929D) /
I BRING / GOOD LUCK

Shape: Horseshoe Fob, Alum, 35 x 44mm

MD-EC-13

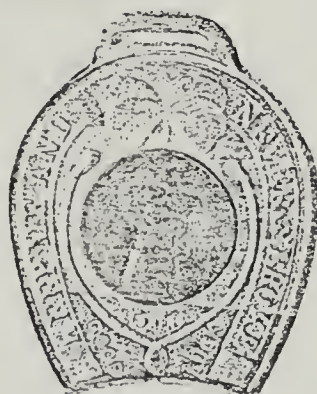
Obv:

JOS. FELSER & SONS, BALTIMORE, MD.
GOOD SHOES (around 1¢ 1918)

Rev:

KEEP ME AND NEVER GO BROKE / I BRING
GOOD LUCK / (1¢ 1918)

Shape: Round, Alum., 32mm





MD-EC-13

Obv:

STEWART'S / (1¢ 1956 D) / DOWNTOWN /
YORK ROAD

Rev:

KEEP ME AND YOU WILL HAVE GOOD LUCK
(around 1¢ 1956 D)

Shape: Round, Alum., 35mm

MD-EC-14

Obv:

FREDERICK TRADING CO. / (1¢ 1957 D) /
HARDWARE PLBG. & HTG. / FREDERICK, MD.

Rev:

KEEP ME AND YOU WILL HAVE GOOD LUCK
(around 1¢ 1957 D)

Shape: Round, Alum., 35mm



MD-EC 15

Obv:

COMPLIMENTS / PEARCE AND SCHECK /
THIRD ANNIVERSARY / (1¢ 1911) / CITY
OPERA HOUSE / FREDERICK, MD. / GEO.
LIST, MANAGER

Rev:

KEEP ME AND NEVER GO BROKE (around 1¢ 1911)

Shape: Round, Alum., 35mm

MD-EC-16

Obv:

QUALITY CLOTHES SHOP / MEN'S WEAR /
(1¢ 1954 D) / BOY'S WEAR / WHEATON, MD.

Rev:

KEEP ME AND HAVE GOOD LUCK / (1¢ 1954 D) /
I BRING / GOOD LUCK

Shape: Horseshoe, holed at top. Alum. 36x41mm

MD-EC-17

Obv:

FIRE PREVENTION / (1¢ 1957 D) / SILVER
SPRING / VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Rev:

KEEP ME AND YOU WILL HAVE GOOD LUCK
(around 1¢ 1957 D)

Shape: Round, Alum. 35mm



MARYLAND BADGES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

by Millard W. Hajek

MD TAMS LM-1



This article is a continuation of the series on badges of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), which began in the Fall issue, 1980, of the journal.

For convenience of reference and use in correspondence, a numbering system with the prefix "MD-BBR" (Maryland-Badges, Buttons & Ribbons) has been adopted for use in this feature section. So, this will help simplify correspondence when you write concerning exnumia that is included here.

MISCELLANEOUS G. A. R. BADGES

During the height of the G. A. R. in Maryland, as many as 83 posts were in existence. Some of these posts issued badges for commemorating different celebrations which are shown here.

MD-BBR-8 Badge: A. W. Dodge Post No. 44

Pin: Ornate brass stamped rectangular bar with black silk inset with "MEMORIAL" in gold letters. Ribbon attached with blue field with 10 white stars to left and 7 red and 6 white stripes.

Badge: Bust photograph one-third left with Dr. A. W. Dodge

Bust photograph one-third left with "DR. A. W. DODGE" above. Reverse: In seven lines, A. W. DODGE POST, NO. 44, / DEPT. OF / MD. / G. A. R. / MAY 30, / 1901 / ORGANIZED AUG. 24, 1887.

Celluloid, 41mm

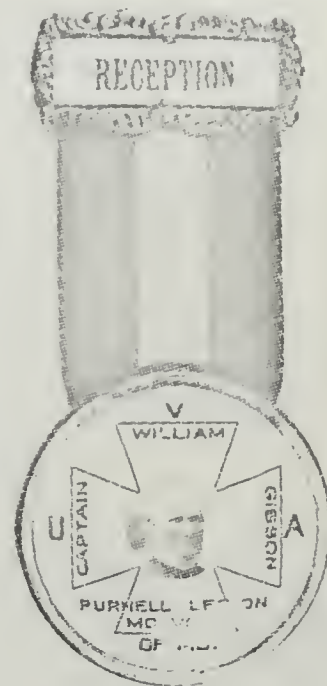


MD-BBR-9 Badge: Purnell Legion of Maryland

Pin: Ornate brass stamped rectangular bar with white celluloid inset with "RECEPTION" printed in blue attached to a red, white and blue ribbon.

Badge: All lettering in black. Outline of Maltese Cross with "U V A" outside from left to right. In center, bust photograph. Printed vertically at left leg of cross: "CAPTAIN", horizontally at top: "WILLIAM", at right vertically: "GIBSON". Across bottom leg in three lines: "PURNELL LEGION / MD. VOLS. / OF MD.". on reverse in semi-circle at top: "UNION VETERAN ASS'N" and below: "OF MARYLAND". Three lines in middle: "38TH / REUNION / APRIL 9, 1903".

Celluloid with gold metal rim. 45mm.



MD-BBR-10 Badge H. J. Rose

Pin, ribbon and medal similar to MD-BBR-6, but brass and gold ribbon.

Reverse: In center: "1894 / M. J. ROSE", at top: "FRATERNITY" and "LOYALTY" below forming a circle with "CHARITY" inside all surrounded by 13 stars. "DEPT. COMMANDER" at bottom.



INFORMAL MD TAMS MEETING GREAT SUCCESS

Following the suggestion of several members to get together on an informal basis, MD TAMS members in the Baltimore metropolitan area gathered at Millard Hajek's house on Sunday, August 16th. Comments overheard indicate that everyone had a great time and were in favor of continuing this kind of session. Plans are in the mill to hold similar get-togethers in other areas. If you are in favor of hosting a session, please let me know.

Mill

MD TAMS NOW INCORPORATED

Thanks to the efforts of Jim Keller, effective July 24, 1981, MD TAMS is now incorporated in the State of Maryland. So our official name is now: Maryland Token and Medal Society, Inc.

Mill

NEW ZIP-PLUS 4 CODE

Please note our new ZIP-PLUS 4 number.

It is 21228-0273.

Ed



FOOD STAMP CHANGE TOKENS :

THE TIME IS NOW!

By
Jerry F. Schimmel

(Editor's Note: MD TAMS member Richard Kaminski showed me a copy of the "Food Stamp Change Newsletter", edited and published by Jerry Schimmel, and suggest that I might want to let the MD TAMS members know about this newsletter. I thought it was a good idea and thought I would take his suggestion one step further and reprint this article, which I thought was interesting. I contacted Jerry and received his permission to reprint the following article.)

On January 1, 1979, retail grocers were required to use regular United States coinage to make change for Food Stamp eligible purchases when change amounts came to less than one dollar. Prior to that time, shopkeepers had been required to give change in whatever practical form they could work out. Methods were varied and included making pencilled notes on the backs of register receipts, having the cash register print the amounts of credit due, or giving change in the form of store-issued paper scrip or tokens. Paper scrip was probably the most common form of credit. Both the scrip and tokens have been issued in denominations of 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢, although not all stores used all five denominations. On return orders of tokens, many stores dropped the use of the 1¢ token because customers felt that it was not worth their while to redeem them.

The 1979 regulation was one of a number of on-again, off-again changes over the past ten years in reference to how Food Stamp change was to be made (See the article in TAMS JOURNAL, Dec. 1972, "Food Stamp Tokens, ..." by Neil Shafer, for information on some of the earlier changes). There had been a Food Stamp program also in the 1930's. Many of the tokens used then are now rarities. During the present program, tokens have been used on a nationwide basis, in every state, Puerto Rico, Pacific Island Territories, and perhaps other areas. My recent trip to Puerto Rico suggested to me that the use of tokens is probably even more widespread than on the mainland.

Small merchants seem to have been the primary issuers and their stores are located in poor neighborhoods in the large cities and in small towns. Many owners are minority group Americans or foreign immigrants. For many of them English has been learned only as a second language. It is often difficult to communicate about collector interests to such persons since collecting is so distant from their day-to-day operations.

The time to obtain these tokens is now, before the storekeepers get rid of them. I have encountered several situations in which tokens have either been thrown out or returned to the manufacturer, either for recycling (or, as I suspect, to sell to dealers). In one case, the tokens have been converted to use as poker chips! Other than purchasing tokens through the recent mail bid ads, they have to be obtained by going store-to-store because they are issued individually and locally. Many of these tokens will never reach numismatic distribution channels. Those that seem to be are those issued by the PLATCO Company in Wisconsin. But, there are many others.

The other and more difficult method of obtaining the tokens is by direct contact with shopkeepers. If they are to be found they will have to be hunted down by collectors in towns and cities all over the country. One of the things I want to do is encourage as many collectors to begin this kind of search and obtain as many of them as possible. Then get them into collector channels. They are genuine "Good Fors" and I feel that they reflect another significant period in U. S. economic history. A SPECIAL NOTE: While it is illegal to collect the Food Stamps themselves, it is not illegal to collect the tokens or scrip.

GETTING THE TOKENS

For those collectors who are willing to try their own hunt, here are some of the ways that have worked well for me.

1. Search The Lists

Starting with the December, 1977, issue of the TAMS JOURNAL, look for the mail bid sale lists titled "An Offering of Rare Food Stamp Change Tokens". Check through them for the towns and shops in which you might want. There are some lists coming from other dealers. Use those. Get information from other collectors. The stores themselves often know of other shops which used tokens, because customers often try to use the tokens of one store in the others. Get the addresses from the telephone books or city directories, and make your own search lists. The hard way to do it is to go from store-to-store asking. There is usually very little return for this kind of effort, but it is possible if you cannot find out about your town from the lists.

2. Make A Face-To-Face Contact

Don't try to deal over the phone. You can always do better explaining things directly to the owner or manager. Bring samples of the tokens along to show, especially if you can show a small collection in your hand. Make sure you talk to the owner or manager. Whatever arrangement you make with an employee is often vetoed by the boss. Many managers will not let employees decide about tokens.

3. Explaining What You Want

Be straightforward. Show the tokens you've brought. Say that you are a collector. Many storekeepers think you want to redeem the tokens, or to redeem some other store's tokens. Some think you are checking on illegal use of Food Stamps. I usually tell them that I know they have used tokens, that I collect them, and that I am willing to pay cash for some of theirs. Then I stop and let it sink in for a moment. At this point they usually have questions and start asking you. I usually let them do so. Try to avoid talking to them during "rush hour", since if they become annoyed with you the chances of your getting tokens are reduced.

4. Possible Responses From The Owners or Managers

"Yes, I have a lot that I will sell. How much are you paying?"
(I have been offering \$5.00 per 200 regardless of denomination. Sometimes I have gotten them for higher or lower prices.)

"The manager (or owner) isn't here," or "I have to check with my partner."
(Try to find out what time he or she will be there, or when the partner will be communicated with. In this case you might risk a phone call since you have established yourself. However, if you haven't seen the boss, you probably shouldn't.)

"We threw them out," or "We sent them back to the factory."
(Be brave, life has its disappointments.)

"I'm still getting them back from my customers."
(Many shopkeepers are still redeeming the tokens from their customers even though they are forbidden by regulation from putting them into circulation. Consequently, if they sell tokens to collectors for a discount, they are opening themselves to having you bring them back for redemption at face value. You should not object to this since it is a realistic business concern. Ask if they might be willing to sell later. Or if all you want is one set for your collection, ask if they will accept a purchase for face value (at the most 91¢). Most will do that.)

You can suggest that they post a sign indicating that redemption of the tokens will end by a specific date. After this kind of contact you can certainly make later contacts by telephone.)

"No, I do not wish to sell."
(Just say thanks and leave. I usually do not give up until somebody says "no", or I get some tokens. To get to either conclusion sometimes takes a number of contacts.)

5. Other Tips

Keep in mind that the storekeepers are the best leads to other stores with tokens. Many grocers have accepted other stores' tokens for the good will it creates with their customers. If you are lucky enough to reach one of these shops, and the owner is in a selling mood, it can be very rewarding indeed. Usually in any lot you buy you will find at least one or two pieces from other shops. You eventually get a sense that you have run across all of the stores in a locality that have used tokens.

I make it a practice to buy up the total remaining stock if I can. Here in the San Francisco area I have paid up to \$12.50 on a total purchase. I paid \$20.00 in Puerto Rico for 2000! It is only in this way that you can run across earlier and different token types issued by the same store, errors, varieties, and pieces from other shops (often shopkeepers will give you the tokens of another store).

Note from the Author: I prepared this article in August, 1979, hoping to publish it elsewhere with no luck. There are some things that have changed or about which I have changed my mind. Paper scrip was probably the most common form of change given on the mainland, certainly not in Puerto Rico. I have no information on the recycling of tokens, but I think that my conclusion about their being sold to dealers is wrong. Under point #2, I think that it is possible now to use the telephone especially at long distances. But you should still speak with the managers.

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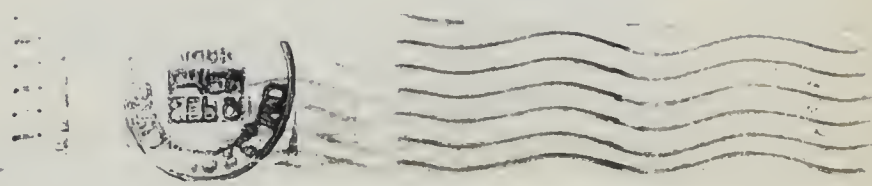
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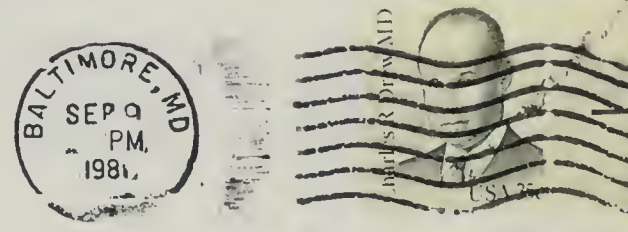
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